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JOINT RESOLUTION

Memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Whereas 1,200,000 men and women comprise the fire service in the United States;

Whereas the fire service is considered one of the most dangerous jobs in the United States;

Whereas fire service personnel selflessly respond to over 16,000,000 emergency calls annually, without reservation and with an unwavering commitment to the safety of their fellow citizens;

Whereas fire service personnel are the first to respond to an emergency, whether it involves a fire, medical emergency, spill of hazardous materials, natural disaster, act of terrorism, or transportation accident; and

Whereas approximately 100 fire service personnel die annually in the line of duty: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each year, the United States flags on all Federal facilities will be

lowered to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Passed the Senate October 4, 2001.

Attest:

Secretary.

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